

REMARKS

The application currently contains claims 1-36, 39-41. Claims 1, 13, 28 and 41 have been amended.

SPECIFICATION

The examiner objected the specification for errors in several numbers. Those errors were corrected. Applicant hereby submits an amended specification.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 112

The examiner states that claims 1 and 41 are indefinite as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended and the unclear paragraph has been removed. Claim 41 has been amended and ends with a period.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 102

The application contains claims 1-41. Claims 1, 3, 14, 16 and 28 have been amended. Claims 37, 38 have been cancelled

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7, 22, 25, 28-33, 39 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Minovitch, US patent number 5,103,712 (hereafter Minovitch).

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, 28-33 and 37-41 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Roberge, US patent number 3,167,278 (hereafter Roberge). Applicant hereby traverses the Examiner's opinion.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 12, 28-33 and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inatomi, Japanese patent number 01254494 (hereafter Inatomi). Applicant hereby traverses the Examiner's opinion.

None of the references provided by the examiner disclose an ordnance carriage cradle for storage of the at least one ordnance unit as disclosed in amended claims 1 and

28. The device further comprises a pylon adapter to verify connection of the at least one ordnance unit to the pylon on the receiving aerial vehicle. The pylon adapter comprises a mechanical connector to the pylon.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 103

The Examiner rejected claims 6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minovitch (US patent number 5,103,712) in view of Von Thai et al (US Patent no. 6,651,933).

The Examiner rejected claims 12 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minovitch (US patent number 5,103,712) in view of Rodriguez et al (US Patent no. 5,243,896).


Other dependent claims are also rejected by the Examiner.

None of the references noted above discloses the ordnance carriage cradle of claims 1 and 28. As a result, claims 1 and 28 should be allowed.

Claims 2-10, 12-17, 22-27, 29-33 and 39-41 depend from claims 1 and 28 and, for at least the reason of such dependence, are also patentable over the cited art as cited by the examiner.

Examiner is hereby requested to allow the claims.

Respectively submitted,

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